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Subject: You guys are missing the boat!

Hello,

Please don't miss this point...

Microsoft's monopoly extends back to 1996 when they killed all competition in the word processor market by introducing "MSWord for Windows" at \$99. At the time, Wordperfect dominated and Microsoft's calculated cut-throat \$99 new price point for Word basically killed the \$400 Wordperfect. Microsoft survived that price point because revenue from the OS division funded this monopolistic move. It's also common knowledge that Microsoft did not share Windows technology with Wordperfect at that time which let them gain timing advantages.

THE PROBLEM IS NOW IN 2002, with Wordperfect and others removed, Microsoft raised the price up to \$375 list price for Word. What happened to the \$99 word processor? All competition was eliminated by this tactic. They killed many companies by outliving them at that price, then raised the price after they were gone. THERE IS NO MORE CLEAR MONOPOLY MOVE THAN THAT!

ALL CONSUMERS ARE HURT BY THIS ACTION. \$99 WAS THE PRICE THEN, NOW IT IS \$375. Why. Extra features as they claim? No way. They eliminated the competition.

HELP US PLEASE!!!! Break them up. HELP US!

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